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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PARIS CONFERENCES.

London, March 1.
The Press Bureau announces that a communiqué from Paris says the Inter-Allied Sub-Commission on Ports, Waterways and Railways discussed the British and French Draft Conventions relating to the regime of international and free ports.
The Labour Legislation Commission arrived at a decision under which countries with Federal Constitutions should adhere to the International Labour Conventions. The Commission passed the whole Draft Convention subject to further reading of the text as amended for final approval.

THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

London, February 25 (delayed).
A Conference of the so-called triple alliance of miners, railwaymen and transport workers was held in London to-day to discuss the industrial position, especially as regards the coalminers, with a view to concerted action. It was decided to adjourn until each member of the alliance has had an opportunity of further negotiations; also that no section of the alliance should agree to any settlement until the Conference again met, such meeting to be before March 15.
In the course of a discussion on the Coal Commission Bill, Mr. Lloyd George announced that Mr. Justice Sankey, who is Chairman of the Coal Commission, has promised that if the miners are represented thereon, the report dealing with wages and hours would be submitted by March 20. Mr. Justice Sankey, Chairman of the Statutory Commission, lengthily conferred with Mr. Lloyd George last evening.

FORMER LABOUR M. P.'S DEATH.

London, February 25 (delayed).
The death is announced of Mr. William C. Anderson, former Labour M.P. for the Attercliffe Division of Sheffield, who was a member of the National Administrative Council of the Independent Labour Party.

SUMMER TIME.

London, February 25 (delayed).
Summer-time operates from March 30 to September 29.

FIGHTING AT PRAGUE.

Amsterdam, February 25. (delayed).
A message from Prague says there was very severe fighting throughout the whole of Saturday. The Communists occupied most of the public buildings. Students and National Guards joined in the battle with the Communists, entered the town and cleared them out from most of the buildings.

ACROSS THE NORTH POLE.

New York, February 26 (delayed).
A message from Alaska states that Stoker Strokerson and five other explorers who boarded a floating ice-pack in the Polar Basin last May in an effort to float across the North Pole, "landed safely" on November 7. Strokerson was Stefansson's aide.

A GERMAN AGREEMENT.

Copenhagen, February 25. (delayed).
A message from Mannheim says the Majority Socialists and Independent Communists have reached an agreement declaring the Republic proclaimed by the Communists non-existent. The parties acknowledge the Baden Provisional Peoples Government and undertake to abolish martial law and surrender all arms and ammunition.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS.

Capetown, February 22 (delayed).
A meeting of Nationalist Members of Parliament decided to accept the Admiral's offer of a warship to convey the Nationalist deputation to England.

U. S. WAR REVENUE BILL.

Washington, February 25 (delayed).
It is announced that the President signed the six billion dollar War Revenue Bill aboard a train en route to Washington.

FRENCH PREMIER OUT OF DANGER.

Paris, February 25 (delayed).
The doctors declare that M. Clemenceau is out of danger.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

DECIDING THE MILITARY CONDITIONS.

London, Feb. 25.
A Press Bureau communiqué from Paris states that at a meeting of representatives of the Great Powers Marshal Foch submitted the report of the military representatives on the Supreme War Council regarding the military conditions to be imposed on the enemy.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE COAL INDUSTRY COMMISSION.

London, Feb. 25.
The Press Bureau says: The Coal Industry Commission, of which Justice Sankey is chairman, is composed of twelve members, including Mr. Arthur Balfour, the steel merchant, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Sidney Webb, Sir L. Chiozza Money, Sir Thomas Royden and Sir Arthur Duckham.

BRITISH TRADE EXTENSION.

London, Feb. 24.
At Manchester a meeting of firms associated with the British Manufacturers' Corporation decided to amalgamate with the Federation of British Industries for the purpose of concentrating upon the extension of overseas trade. The chairman, Sir Charles Mandelberg, said it was proposed to establish trade commissioners in overseas markets to protect and advise traders and to work in the closest touch with the Government representatives abroad. It was hoped to appoint a considerable number of commissioners in the next few months.

DAY BY DAY.

At the two Ministering League entertainments held recently at the City Hall, the net profits, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$1,783.78.

In his candidature for a seat on the Legislative Council, Mr. Alabaster is proposed by Mr. Montague Ede and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak.

Thirty-four British Army officers are now passing through the Colony on their way to Vladivostok, and from thence will proceed to join General Knox's Mission in Russia.

We have been requested to deny the rumour, which has been circulated in the Colony, to the effect that Stoker Walsh, R.N., who was knocked out by a blow to the jaw by Stoker Neill, R.N., at the boxing contest held at the Police Reserve Club, last Friday, had since died. Stoker Walsh is in the best of health. What actually happened was that a Stoker, who should have fought A. B. Donaghey, R.N., died on the Friday and was buried on Saturday.

A Chinese, who found a pair of trousers drying out in Wong Nei-cheong village, removed them from the pole and beat a hurried retreat to Happy Retreat. He came to Hongkong four days ago. His face was his fortune, so he said. He had one dollar in the savings bank before he landed on our shores. He took this out, paid fifty cents for passage and the balance he frittered away. He graced the dock this morning in Mr. Wood's Court. Mr. Wood requested him to beat a retreat to the Victoria Gaol and remain there for a month. So the man stole a pair of trousers, made a retreat to Happy Retreat and is now ordered to retreat to the Unhappy Retreat.

Messrs. Frank Waterhouse and Co's "Pacific Ports" Service Bureau for Hongkong is now an actuality, the office being located at 11, Ice House Street. This Bureau is a unit in a chain of Service Bureaux which have already been established throughout North and South America, Japan and China; and are now being established in Australia, New Zealand, West Indies and the Straits. The aim of these Bureaux is the propagation of Inter-Pacific-Port trade, and the service of the whole organisation is placed at the disposal of every firm that wishes to avail itself thereof. The Hongkong Manager, Mr. N. L. Brewer, will be pleased to accord fuller information to any who may be interested.

On Saturday night at about 11.30, a Chinese, who had four stalls in Queen's Road, and a European, a person indulged in a little hide-and-seek game. The sergeant in question was

by an Indian constable that certain of the stallholders were obstructing the pathway and would not move away. The European sergeant went to an alleyway, hid himself there and tried to watch the obnoxious hawkers. This got on his nerves, and he came out. "When they saw me crossing the streets they blew their lamps out," said he. And it came to pass that one fellow who kept four stalls forgot to do likewise, and this morning was brought up before Mr. J. R. Wood and fined \$4.

The entire proceeds of the Gala performance of "Pinkie and the Fairies" on Friday, March 21st, will be devoted to the Hongkong War Memorial and the Amateur Dramatic Club will be the first to contribute towards this fund. Booking for "Pinkie's" season has been very brisk and the public has shown an encouraging interest in the production, which promises to be one of the brightest and merriest staged by local amateurs within recent years. There are still a number of good seats available for the opening night and, as it will be quite impossible to give additional performances to those advertised, owing to professional bookings, it is advisable to secure seats without delay.

If you happen to see a hundred dollar note lying on the ground, don't pick it up and put it in your pocket. Better a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. A young Chinese boy, aged 13, was walking along Queen's Road General and he saw \$127 in notes lying on the ground—simply discarded by its rightful owner. At any rate, this was his version of the Pickwickian discovery. The other version was that a Chinese was going down the street when he felt a hand plunge into his pocket. In another moment the wealth his pocket treasured had disappeared. The boy was arrested and the money found on him. After the explanation of the boy, a little Sandy School class was conducted in the Court. The culprit: "The notes dropped and I picked them up and put them into my pocket."

—Mr. Lindell. "Why did you put them into your pocket. They were not yours? Why did you pick them up?" After this Mr. Lindell went into the defendant's antecedents to find out whether there were any trace of thieving propensities in his ancestors. "Where are you living? Where is your father? Where is your uncle? Why did you not go to Macao with your uncle? Couldn't he find work for you as a bricklayer?" Addressing Inspector Brown, Mr. Lindell said, "He is quite young. I don't like to send him to gaol." Inspector Brown said that if he was sentenced he could be sent to Macao. He was accordingly sentenced to undergo three years' imprisonment with

three years' imprisonment with

EUROPEANS ATTACKED.

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Exciting incident on Bowen Road.

A daring and villainous attack was made upon three foreign residents of the Colony, on Bowen Road, yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, and the affair can only be termed one of the most dastardly and brutal attempts on foreigners for many years past. Heavy bludgeons and pepper figured in the affair, and it was only by the smallest chance that the assailed persons managed to get off without serious, if not mortal, injury.

The details of the affair are as follows:—Mr. Neeson of the Pacific Mail Company, and Mrs. Neeson with Miss Square, of Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd. had arranged to go for a picnic to Stanley. They had proceeded a little way along Bowen Road, the first stage of their journey, when, just as they had reached one of the bridges which have no guarding rails, Mr. Neeson had occasion to stoop down to adjust one of the provender baskets. As he did this, a heavily-built Chinese came up from behind and aimed at him a blow with a big blackwood stick, weighing about six pounds. Fortunately, owing to the position Mr. Neeson had assumed—a stooping position—the assailant missed his aim and the blow landed on Mr. Neeson's leg. With the greatest presence of mind and no little pluck, Mr. Neeson recovered himself and struck the robber over the head with his cane. Although the cane was a rather light one, the blow was sufficiently heavy to partially stun the villain, and he staggered, whereupon Mr. Neeson administered two or three more smart blows and then saw to the safety of the ladies.

Whilst the attack was being made upon Mr. Neeson, another robber had attacked Mrs. Neeson and Miss Square, attempting to throw pepper into their eyes, but seeing that his companion had been rendered more or less hors de combat, he became frightened, and made off. Mr. Neeson turned and then saw the first assailant staggering away into the brush on the side of the road.

The ladies were naturally very much frightened and urgently needed the attention of Mr. Neeson; otherwise he would have gone after the first robber and secured him.

The picnic was naturally abandoned and the parties went home.

Mr. Neeson says that the object of the robbers appeared to him to be to break his leg, and then push him over the bridge, and had it not been, as stated, that Mr. Neeson had assumed a stooping position, the attack would no doubt have succeeded. At it was, the blow broke all the glassware contained in the refreshment basket, so forcibly was it delivered.

Mr. Neeson this morning showed our representative a big bruise on the calf of his leg, and, judging from its appearance, one can well imagine the ferocity with which the attack was made. The ladies suffered considerably from shock, but to-day are fortunately little the worse for the encounter.

ARMED ROBBERY IN KONGMOON.

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL SHOT FOUR TIMES.

At about 4 o'clock a.m., last Friday, a murderous attack was made by two armed Chinese, upon Mr. Love, who is in charge of the Chinese Customs, in Kongmoon City. The two villains, who carried revolvers, broke into Mr. Love's quarters, but, upon seeing that he had been disturbed in his sleep, they fired four shots, all of which found their mark in various parts of Mr. Love's body. The attacked gentleman himself had a revolver and endeavoured to use it, but it missed fire, having, however, the effect of scaring the robbers, who made off without securing anything of value.

Mr. Love was taken to the hospital and is under the care of Dr. Macdonald. Every hope is entertained for the wounded man's recovery, despite the fact that two bullets entered the leg, a third passed through the right hand and the fourth lodged in the groin.

This would appear to be another instance of the danger of foreigners living alone in isolated quarters. Mr. Love had just drawn his pay, and there is no doubt that the robbers were aware of this fact and took advantage of there being no other European living in the vicinity, to make the attack.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO.

The Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company will, subject to final audit, recommend at the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders distribution of the profits for the past year as follows:

To pay to shareholders a final dividend of \$2.50 per share and a bonus of \$7.00 per share, making \$12.00 per share for the year 1918.	
To write off Buildings and Plant	\$605,334.67
To transfer to reserve account	\$600,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff	\$8,000.00
And carry forward about	\$700,000.00

MILITARY O.B.E.'S.

A Military Division of the Order of the British Empire (to day from June 4, 1917) has been instituted by the King. The following classes will be eligible for appointment: All commissioned, warrant, and subordinate officers subject to the Naval Discipline Act or employed under the Order of the Admiralty, and all commissioned and warrant officers re-commissioned by any C-in-C. in the field or elsewhere, or by the G.O.C., Independent Force, R. A. F., or employed under the War Office or Air Ministry, or under the Administrative Headquarters of Dominions or Overseas Forces, or employed under the Ministry of Munitions or the Ministry of National Service on work which, but for the creation of those Departments, would have been performed by the War Office, and all members of the Naval, Army, Dominions, or Overseas Nursing Services, or officials of the W.R.N.S., Q.M.A.A.C., or the W.R.A.F., and such commandants of the Women's Legion or similar organisations as are under contract with or employed by the Admiralty, War Office, or Air Ministry. The ribbon of the Military Division will be distinguished by a vertical red stripe in the centre of the existing ribbon.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$1.13-16d.

The Weather.

Forecast.—Fair. Barometer—30.06. Temperature 2 p.m.—62. Humidity 2 p.m.—71.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tai Yat Po Service.)

Peking, March 2.
Peking has submitted for the Shanghai Conference's decision a proposal for the disbandment of troops, and the division of the military and civil administrations.

The latest statistics show that the country's Army consists of 1,436,180 men, requiring \$22,000,000 annually for their maintenance, 80% of which is raised from the country's revenues.

Leung Chi-chao has wired from Paris approving the railway nationalisation scheme and requesting early disbandment of troops instead of allowing disbandment to be carried out by the League of Nations.

When discussing the Shensi question this morning, Chu Kai-kin remarked that he would protest and resign if Peking did not take proper steps.

During the Conference, Tang Shao-yee asked if there were any reply from Peking. Chu Kai-kin replied in the negative. Tang then suggested that Peking must give a satisfactory answer within 48 hours, or the delegates would make a joint manifesto to the Diplomatic Corps and the Chinese people. He declared that they would suspend negotiations, and state the reasons of such suspension. The Northern delegates refused to join in a manifesto, and Tang said if no satisfactory reply came within 48 hours, the Southern delegates would in a body issue the manifesto.

The Peking Government has sent to the Conference for discussion four copies of the Sino-Japanese pact:—1st, the Sino-Japanese Military agreement; 2nd, the Sino-Japanese Navy Defence Co-operation agreement; 3rd, the Sino-Japanese Army Defence Co-operation agreement; 4th, explanatory notes as to the meaning of the ending of the European war. According to a Peking declaration, there are no annexes to any of the pact.

Liang Shih-yee and Tso Yu-lin have jointly opposed the railway nationalisation scheme and are now preparing a statement showing its disadvantages. Liang also delivered a speech at the Railway Association, denouncing the scheme.

Owing to Japanese and Russian fighting near Herkleng-king, the President has ordered Tuan Chi-jui to dispatch the War Participation Army thither against possible emergencies.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Vanity Fair Co. at Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

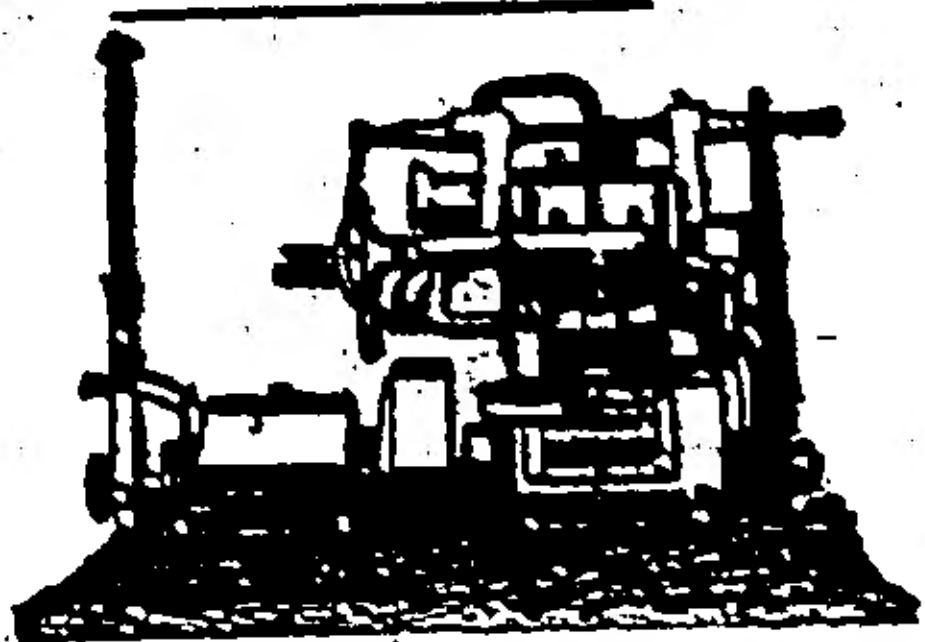
TO-MORROW.

Bible Society Annual Meeting at Helena May Institute—5.15 p.m.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.—Shareholders Meeting, noon.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

Theatre Royal—Opening of New Year Company's season.
Bought and Paid For—4.11 p.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

LOST IN PARIS.
President and Mrs. Wilson had
an experience in Paris which has
only just been chronicled. They
left their hotel unaccompanied
on Monday morning for a walk,
and were enjoying their incognito
so much, says the Paris edition
of the New York Herald, that
they neglected to take note of
their wanderings. Eventually
they stopped to ask two French
boys to direct them to the Hotel
Muret. The response was
prompt and courteous, and then,
to the surprise of Mr. and Mrs.
Wilson, who did not think they
had been recognised, two small
hands came out from under the
capotes the boys were wearing,
and the question was asked, "And
now, Mr. President, won't you
shake hands with us?"

OPIMUM CURSES.
Abon Chang, a Chinese
carrying on business in Duke-
street, Grosvenor-square, surren-
dered to his bail at Marlborough-
street recently on a charge of
having opium pipes in his posses-
sion. His defence, however,
was that he was engaged in curing
people of the opium habit, and
the magistrate, holding that
there was a doubt in the case,
discharged him. The police
found at defendant's premises
several pipes and bowls, but
when told that he was suspected
of possessing opium defendant
replied that he used to smoke,
but had given it up seven years
ago, and was now engaged in
curing people of the habit. They
paid him £200 for the cure, he
said. He admitted that he had
some pipes, but said they had
not been used for a long time.

SILK FROM THE WOOD.
A forest tree and a piece of
delicate embroidery are appar-
ently so far removed from each other
that until the imagination begins
to work and almost enters won-
derland the mind refuses to
recognise even the possibility of
connection. Yet visitors to the
Manchester Exhibition of British
Science Products have now an
ocular demonstration of the fact
that they stand in the relation of
raw material and finished prod-
uct. Discovery and invention
more prolific under the necessities
of war than in times of peace
have been the wonder workers.
They have turned wood into
pulp, pulp into suitable
paper, paper into yarn,
and yarn into almost
everything from artificial silk for
embroidery and dainty millinery
to substantial and really artistic
stair carpets. British firms like
the Textile Engineering Co.,
London, have devoted themselves
to the production of machinery
for spinning the new yarn and
weaving the new products. They
have been so successful that
they are now turning out
machinery superior to that pos-
sessed by Germany or Austria,
and a specialist said that there is
reason for hoping for such a
development of machine produc-
tion and of resultant manufacture
that it will have an important
effect on home and export trade
and hence on the labour market.
Already the production of arti-
ficial silk from wood pulp has
had a considerable influence on
the embroidery industry in
Nottingham. It is confidently
anticipated that some of the yarns
may be adapted to the trade of
Leicester and the neighbouring
countries.

GENERAL NEWS.

BATTLED BOLSHEVIKS.

In a White Paper just issued
by the Foreign Office, Mr. O.
Wardrop, who was Consul-General
at Moscow, describes how an
armed party of Bolsheviki who
had orders to raid the Consulate
were kept at bay while he destroyed
all confidential documents. "Vice
Consuls London and Whishaw,"
says Mr. Wardrop, "with coolness
and skill kept the invaders in
parley till I had personally in my
bedroom carried the work of de-
struction to such a point, before
the threat of violence had actually
become effective, that I was at
last able to appear in my sitting-
room, half-dressed, knowing that
there was little probability of any
fragments of the burning paper
being legible. I still, however,
continued to engage the guards
in conversation till I felt
certain the holocaust was per-
fected. Meanwhile clouds of
heavy, acrid, poisonous smoke
were pouring from the window
and through the door. The men
on watch outside at last suc-
ceeded in attracting the attention
of those who were in my company.
The latter demanded the im-
mediate opening of the door, and
exhibited their revolvers to en-
force the demand. The door
was, however, locked, and the
key had been quietly passed to
one of the staff, who was not
immediately found. When at last
the door was opened the
fumes were so thick that my
bedroom could only be entered,
even with the protection of wet
cloths over the nose and mouth,
at the risk of asphyxiation, and
my Bolsheviki visitors preferred
to leave the apartment incom-
pletely examined, and obtain no
close view of the capacious fire-
place. When they finally left, I
broke the charred fragments very
thoroughly, and to the best of
my belief, there is not now in the
building a single scrap of paper
of a strictly confidential kind."

HAUNTED HOUSE HUNT.

"Haunted house wanted, to rent
or purchase, freehold, with five to
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miles of London." So ran an
advertisement which appeared
recently in a London "contem-
porary." "In my long experience I
have never known that class of
property to be requisitioned,"
said a Moorgate-street authority
when questioned. "I can only
recall one case in which, during
a sale, I have been asked whether
the property was or was not
haunted. A housekeeper had
picked up some village gossip
about a supposed murder that
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and during 1912-13 was on the
staff of the Inspector of Target
Practice. He became Director of
Mobilisation at the Admiralty in
1914, and after holding the
position until 1916 was appointed
Chief of Staff to Admiral Sir
William Pakenham, of the Battle
Cruiser Squadron. He was made
C.B. in 1916.

BELGIUM'S COALITION.

The Belgian Socialist Congress
has adopted by a large majority
the resolution of the Council
General approving of the
participation of representatives
of the party in the Coalition
Government. On one of the
delegates protesting against any
annexationist policy on the part
of Belgium, M. Vanderrelde
replied that if the Government
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NEWS FROM FRENCH SOURCES.

Paris, Feb. 21.

The news of the attempt on the life of M. Clemenceau spread rapidly through the streets, public offices and hotels of Paris, causing feelings of intense anxiety and dismay. In the Chamber the deputies expressed the deepest regret and the hope that M. Clemenceau would soon be able to resume his important task. The leader of the unified Socialists expressed disapproval of political crimes. M. Clemenceau was wounded in three places, in the left arm and left hand and under the right shoulder. The last wound is the most serious, the bullet having entered the upper part of the back near the spinal cord without, however, touching an important organ. M. Clemenceau's condition is reported satisfactory. The voice of delegates of all nations expressed grief and indignation at the attempt on the Premier's life. Mr. Wang, the delegate from China, said it was a terrible shock to all lovers of justice and order and right thinking. Baron Makino, the head of the Japanese delegation, said M. Clemenceau had won affection and respect for himself as France has always had the respect and admiration of Japan.

There is a strong desire in the Council of Ten to expedite the work of the five Commissions appointed by the Peace Conference so that their reports will be ready by March 17, the approximate date of President Wilson's arrival in France.

Much as the assembled diplomats regret the crime there is a feeling that no time will be lost, so well had M. Clemenceau arranged the division of work and the giving of aid to his associates and his ideas on the plans to be accomplished.—Havas.

Paris, Feb. 27.

Marshal Foch addressed the Council of Ten on the technical questions connected with the transport to Poland of the two Polish divisions now in France under General Haller to their immediate aid, the delivery to the Poles of munitions of war to enable the Polish forces to maintain their opposition against the Bolsheviks and Germans, and the financial and economic assistance contemplated.

The general feeling of the Conference now tends towards solving the Russian problem by strengthening the independent States forming a fringe around Russia.

French views expressed in the Council of Ten on the future Moroccan political status wish a free hand, that the Act of Algeiras be abolished and that Tangier come under French Protectorate. An agreement with Spain will settle difficulties regarding the Spanish-Moroccan zone.

The final military terms to be demanded from Germany include four separate submissions (military, naval, territorial and economic), that the total future strength of the German army will consist of fifteen infantry and five cavalry divisions, that the General Staff must be disbanded, that the teaching of war as a science be not allowed, that a definite limit be put on the quantity of arms and ammunition and that no German armed forces be allowed west of the Rhine.

The death is announced of professor Chantemesse, aged 68, whose principal work is connected with bacteriology and typhoid fever.

Later, Marshal Foch, speaking in the Council of Ten, pointed out that the question of Danzig and the two railway lines connecting Danzig with the interior of Poland must be definitely settled as it was inadvisable to land Polish troops in the town and convey them over railway lines actually in the possession of the Germans.

French circles state that France's claims in Morocco concerning Tangier and the effective government of the town are limited only by certain specific guarantees to Great Britain and Spain.

Saturday, March 8, is provisionally fixed for the next plenary session of the Conference when reports of the Commissions may be presented. The most important is the Reparation Commission's report, dealing with the principle upon which compensation is to be exacted and the estimate of the Allies' Bill. Another important report will examine the question of responsibility for the war.

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There is sympathetic comment in the French press on President Wilson's Boston speech. President Wilson was right in congratulating his countrymen on having entered into war solely in defence of an ideal and it is but right to acknowledge that the Belgians, English and French were actuated by the same motives.

The head of the Japanese peace delegation, Marquis Saionji, is due at Marseilles to-day. He is greeted by the French press as the liberal leader of his country in close friendship with M. Clemenceau.

M. Clemenceau on Wednesday motored to Versailles. He has had a complete recovery.—Havas.

HIGH PASSAGE RATES.

London, Feb. 24.

With regard to high passage rates from India the "Times" shipping correspondent says feeling here seems to be that residents in India have not had fully brought home to them the effect of the enormous increase in the cost of coal, stores, wages and all other items incidental to the carriage of passengers at sea. The Ministry of Shipping fixed the present rates recently and it is claimed that the increase then in response corresponded with the rise in expenses. Authorities in London feel that in the present highly unsettled situation any amendment will be entirely inopportune. The outlook for low passage fares on any ocean route for some time is in no way promising in view of the enormous increase in the cost of construction of passenger-ships. For example a passenger-ship which cost £200,000 before the war is now estimated to cost £1,700,000.

BRITISH MISSION TO SERBIA.

London, Feb. 22.

The Press Bureau states that a British Mission is shortly proceeding to Serbia to investigate the damage resulting from enemy occupation, and to ascertain the extent of the reconstruction necessary and the materials required. The mission will also examine the general economic conditions of Serbia and the prospects of British trade development.

THE "NORE" AND "NAVARA".

London, Feb. 24.

As regards the Singapore protest against the appropriation of two P. and O. steamers to repatriate German women and children from China, it is emphasised that the Ministry of Shipping found great difficulty in allocating ships for this purpose and finally utilised ships already in the Far East. It is recognised that the scheme may be strongly criticised by the enemy and perhaps others, because of breaking up families, but it is maintained that this course of action was inevitable and to yield to the protests would nullify the series of delicate and laborious negotiations for the repatriation of enemy subjects in China, which will finally benefit the political state of China and Allied interests. There is also the question of prestige, whereupon it is recalled that British prestige suffered a year ago owing to forgoing a scheme of repatriation then in deference to Franco-Belgian feeling and in view of the threats of German reprisals on their prisoners.

London, March 1.

In the House of Commons Colonel Amery, replying to Sir Watson Cheyne, who asked if German women were being given priority of departure from Singapore on passenger steamers to Europe to the exclusion of invalid British women and children requiring immediate removal from a tropical climate, said that Sir Cheyne was doubtless referring to the requisitioning of the Nore and Navara for the deportation of Germans from China. Lord Milner was aware of the pressing need for passengers' accommodation for women and children from the East and the matter had given him much concern. He was communicating with the Ministry of Shipping, but in view of the great importance and urgency attached to the removal of enemy subjects from China Mr. Amery feared the decision regarding the Nore and Navara was unalterable.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

London, Feb. 24.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1919.

THE REPATRIATION OF GERMANS.

It will be seen from a cable which has arrived over the weekend that the question of Germans being given priority of departure from the East on passenger steamers, to the exclusion of invalid British women and children requiring immediate removal from a tropical climate, has been raised in the House of Commons by Sir William Watson Cheyne, who had been telegraphically requested by medical men of the Straits Settlements and F. M. S. to bring the matter to the notice of the Government. We published, some days ago, a report of the meeting of doctors held in Singapore, and from this account it will have been noticed that the paramount claim to primary consideration for British invalids was strongly urged. In fact, it was stated that a postponement in departure would entail "the gravest risks to the health and lives of numbers of British women and children." Such a declaration would not have been made by British medical men without good reason, and, with the facts as they are, we can well appreciate the indignation caused by the requisitioning of liners for the deportation of Germans from China.

The Government spokesman in the House of Commons, replying to the representations made, stated that Lord Milner was aware of the pressing need for passenger accommodation of women and children from the East, which, we are told, has given him "much concern." There is always a "but" in matters of this kind, and so we have the statement that while communications are being made with the Ministry of Communications, in view of the great importance and urgency attached to the removal of enemy subjects from China, it is feared that the decision regarding the Nore and Novara is unalterable. This is rather cold comfort for those who had hoped that the strong protests from Singapore doctors and other residents would have caused at any rate some modification of the arrangements. We do not doubt either the importance or urgency of the removal of Germans from China, but surely the health and lives of British women and children are matters of equal, nay, even greater, moment. We do not know how far advanced the arrangements are for the repatriation of enemy subjects from China, but recent reports would appear to suggest that it may be some considerable time yet ere they can all be packed off. Be that as it may, we have yet to be convinced that the requisitioning of British liners on the regular Eastern run is the only way of dealing with the matter. Why should the British always be called upon to do these things? Ships flying other Allied flags might at any rate have been called upon to share in the work. But no—British vessels are required at short notice to cancel their ordinary sailings so that Germans can be taken quickly home.

It is not as though this question of the removal of Germans from China had suddenly sprung up. It had been talked about, advocated and promised for very many months, and it must have been known that the step would eventually be taken. The exercise of foresight, therefore, would have done away with the necessity of robbing British women and children of passages. Even if ships other than British could not have been secured for the work, what objection could there be to the suggestion made in Singapore that the Huns should be sent back on returning Australian troopships? It would appear, from the fact that the Ministry of Shipping is being communicated with on the subject, that other vessels may be made available for those Britishers who have lost their passages. If that be so, why could the Germans not be repatriated on these ships and the P. and O. vessels not be interfered with? A few weeks would not matter much in the case of the Germans; to British invalids it is distinctly otherwise. We cannot but think that the whole business has been very badly handled, and though Officialdom is none too sympathetic in its attitude, we can only express the hope that special steps will be taken to see that these British women and children may soon find accommodation provided for them.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE ALLIES' IDEAL.

The German General Staff, the disbandment of which is to be included in the peace terms, has been, without doubt, the biggest and most powerful factor in Germany's past military policy. Mr. Gerard's books have shown us something of the tremendous power which this body of picked militarists wielded in the Fatherland—how that it had as much, if not more, to do with decisions of war and peace as the Emperor himself. It has, in fact, been above all control, popular or otherwise, and its existence is therefore no longer to be tolerated. It has had its worshippers in Germany, of course, but that was only to be expected when we remember with what intense thoroughness the military idea was pumped into all classes of the people. We are going to strike at the roots here also, for a message to hand says that the teaching of war as a science will not be permitted by the Allies. Thus in time, by these two wise steps, we hope to purge the Huns of the military cancer which has been eating into their souls. All this will be to the good of the Germans themselves, and although it may take more than one generation to kill the germ, the ideal aimed at for the sake of world amity, is the building up of a Germany whose subjects shall turn their energies towards the arts of peace rather than the so-called glories of war.

A RAD POLICY.

We see that the continued borrowing of money by China from Japan has again been receiving the attention of the British and American Ministers at Peking, who have paid a visit to the Chinese Foreign Department on the subject. The Vice Minister is said to have replied that if these borrowings are cancelled there will be no money with which to pay the Peking troops, who may therefore revolt. The visiting Ministers, we are informed, were dissatisfied with this statement. We are not surprised that they should be. It is a pretty pass when, in order to keep soldiers quiet, resource has to be had to continuous borrowing from outside sources. The Chairman at last Saturday's annual meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shareholders dilated upon the danger of China going on contracting loans of this character, on terms corresponding to the extremity of her needs. And yet it appears that the process continues. The little incident which we have noticed in opening only shows the grip which the militarists have on affairs. China has gone Army mad, and now she is reaping trouble from her absurd policy. If warnings will do anything, China should soon take a better course, but we fear that she has now so committed herself that she will find it increasingly difficult to turn into the right path.

THE ROYAL BETROTHAL.

For the last three years, ever since our Prince of Wales came of age, there have been many rumours as to his engagement to one or other of the princesses of royal blood in Europe. There have also been many suggestions as to whom he should marry, and the reasons why, but we think that his betrothal to Princess Yolanda of Italy, just announced, will be hailed by all with satisfaction and pleasure. Princess Yolanda Margherita, to give her her full name, is the eldest of the Italian princesses, being born in June 1901, so that she is eighteen years of age. Her mother, who before her marriage to King Victor Emmanuel, was Princess Helen, daughter of King Nicholas of Montenegro, comes of a royal family which is famous for the beauty of its women-folk, and Princess Yolanda is a true child of her mother in this respect, for she is reputed to be one of the most beautiful princesses in Europe. The betrothal of the Prince of Wales has everything to recommend it, for not only will the match be popular from a sentimental point of view, but also from a political one. Italy in the war has played a glorious part, and has stood firmly with the Allies through hardships and dangers. The war has welded together Britain and Italy in bonds of friendship and comradeship as never before, and the betrothal of our Prince and Italy's Princess will only serve to make these bonds more firm, and the friendship more undying.

DAY BY DAY.

EDUCATION IS NOT THE AUTHORITATIVE, COMPULSORY MECHANICAL TRAINING OF PASSIVE PUPILS.

On Saturday, one fatal case of bubonic plague was notified.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley is to conduct an important Conference in connection with the O. E. M. S. to-morrow evening at St. Paul's College, commencing at 9 p.m.

We regret to say that Mr. Denman Fuller's recovery has not been nearly so rapid as we had hoped and he is still in hospital, and has had a great deal of pain. He hopes to go on leave at the end of March, to England, and to be back in November or December.—Church Notes.

The Seventh Canton Athletic Meet, the largest one in the history of the Association in point of numbers and entries, closed on Saturday. The first, second, and third places of honour went respectively to Canton Christian College, Pui Ying School, and the South China Athletic Club of Hongkong.

Considerable curiosity is being aroused by the circulation of a letter by "J. Rufus Wallingford," making mention of a scheme "which will permit those who are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to participate in it, to get rich quick at very little risk and expenditure and at positively no trouble to themselves." As we are all more or less seeking wealth, the scheme will no doubt make a universal appeal. We understand that further interesting announcements may shortly be expected in connection with the matter.

Details of the death of Captain W. H. Vivian, who was an assistant master in the Diocesan Boys' School, have lately come to hand, says Church Notes. He was killed on the morning of August 9th, being hit on the head by a piece of shell while going out to inspect one of his tanks that had been knocked out during the great advance of the previous day. He was buried on the spot. His major writes "He was always cheery and most popular with all and a thorough sportsman and gentleman. I myself have always considered him one of our best officers. He was always to be trusted."

If you want to see a good picture, superbly staged, founded on a plot free from penny dreadfulism, that picture is "The Doctor and the Woman," which will be screened to-night, to-morrow and the day after at the Victoria Theatre. The management of the Theatre, following their usual practice, have secured the best in film production, and there is no doubt that "The Doctor and the Woman" will enhance this reputation. The programme will also comprise the educational Pathé Gazette and a comic, and this, combined with the delightful orchestra, should prove highly enjoyable to patrons. Bookings for seats are heavy.

Edgar Warwick announces the last four nights of the return season of "Vanity Fair." Every evening there will be some fresh vanities introduced, and on Thursday, the last night of the season, a special bill will be presented in which all the most popular items of the two seasons will be included. The company is giving us a treat that we do not often have. Leslie Holmes's popularity is phenomenal, and his entrance is the sign for loud applause before he even commences to do anything. Not only does he reduce the audience to a state bordering on helplessness, but the same infectious atmosphere pervades the stage, and it is an uncommon thing to witness the whole company convulsed with laughter during the time he is performing. The ladies of the company have all made heaps of friends here, too, and altogether we are indebted to Edgar Warwick for bringing us such a very cheery show during these dull days.

CURRENT COIN.

[BY "MERCATOR."]

The Races were the great attraction of the week; consequently things on the Stock Exchange have been dull. The inclination to make forward purchases is too strong at present on the Exchange. We all know the aftermath of such transactions. They are the canker in legitimate share purchases. Forward deals are an unhealthy sign. They usually end in disaster to the broker or his constituent. To elucidate this point, I may cite a woeful tale that was told me the other day by a local broker. His wail was that it is not all beer and skittles with share brokers, for although signs of activity on the Exchange may be apparent, these cannot not compensate the heavy losses which some brokers have to make good owing to their clients not being able to face the music on the settlement day. One broker, for instance, is said to have been involved, by the failure of a dealer in forwards, to the extent of a lakh of dollars. This is unfortunate, and there is only one remedy, and that is for the Stock Exchange to ban forward transactions.

A share broker, when he secures shares for a client for delivery two or three months hence, usually takes certain precautions. He knows that his client, in the event of a serious drop, would be in a position to pay up the difference between the contracted rate and that ruling on the day of delivery. The broker thinks he knows a hawk from a heronshaw. But the get-rich-quick brigade of forward share purchasers can play up old gooseberry with the brokers. A purchaser, may be good for a certain sum, but not for any sum. While he has contracted with his own broker, he may privately have done the same with half-a-dozen others, and when the settlement day arrives and the market price has slumped terribly, then is the day of reckoning for the brokers—the massacre of the innocents. We know the story of Ixion, who, as a punishment for falling in love with Juno, was hurled to Tartarus, and there bound to a wheel which perpetually revolved. Brokers who go in for risky forward deals tread the Ixionic wheel for this offence.

Regarding the desirability of banning forward deals by members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, a precedent already exists on the Rangoon Stock Exchange. In 1909 Burma was swept by an oil-gambling fever. Numerous mushroom companies were floated and shares put on the market. The shares of these concerns were rushed up 200 to 300 per cent. above premium before any machinery was put on the ground. Everybody contracted the gambling fever and everything looked so rosy until the bubble burst, involving brokers heavily. The Committee of the Rangoon Stock Exchange, in consequence, decided to prohibit forward deals, and if the same were done in Hongkong, it would ensure a healthy market.

The Langkat Oil Co. have declared a dividend of two taels per share. The profit and loss account shows a surplus of Tls. 726,763, including Tls. 385,603 brought forward from last year. The announcement of the dividend has sent the shares up to Tls. 24. We are told that the demand has now slackened off. One firm of brokers tells us that Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been done at \$159 and \$160 and there is said to be a strong inclination to buy forward. Douglas Steamships have been taken off the market, we are told, in fairly large quantities at \$93 and \$93.50 for cash and \$95 for April. And yet Douglas can be had at present at these rates.

Japan is desirous of securing a firm grip on the Indian market, but the Indians are anxious that this should not be so. An Indian merchant wants long accommodation; nothing less than a year's appeals

OUR PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT.

Of late we have had considerable difficulty with our new-venders, and complaints have reached us particularly regarding the absence from our Saturday's issue of the popular Pictorial Supplement. It goes without saying, of course, that when we advertise that a supplement is being presented with the Saturday's issue, a sufficient number is printed for all our readers. On Saturday, however, we discovered one news vendor who had carefully extracted the supplement from his papers and had no fewer than seventeen copies laid by. This particular boy was stationed near the Star Ferry and no doubt several purchasers of the paper were intensely disappointed at finding no supplement with the issue. We cannot at the moment understand why the news vendors should extract these pictorial sheets—whether it is to resell separately for gain or not we have not yet discovered but we are investigating the matter with the assistance of the Police. In the meantime, we request our readers to examine the Saturday's issue at the time of purchase in order to make sure that it contains the Supplement, and to report to us any instances in which it is not supplied. In this way they will be protecting themselves and at the same time greatly assisting us in seeing that all our readers procure the pictorial sheet.

to him. This the Japanese manufacturer or merchant is not prepared to grant him. Again, the Indian is not enamoured of shoddy Japanese goods. They are cheaper, no doubt, than the British manufactures, but experience has now taught him that although the label, or English, goods cost him more than the Japanese stuff, they are more serviceable. As a result, when the Armistice was signed, the Indian importers and dealers began to create disputes, and demanded a suspension or cancellation of the orders that they had previously placed and which had not till the conclusion of the Armistice been executed. This has given our Japanese friends furiously to think, and, what is more, they are determined that the Japanese market in India should be fortified against "revived competition" from British and German rivals. A scheme for the purpose has been evolved whereby Japanese exporters and manufacturers trading with India are to organise themselves into a syndicate in order that they may obtain special banking facilities. The Japanese manufacturer is unable to grant long credits to his customers, but by combining, it is hoped, accommodation at low interest may be secured from the bank, thus enabling credit to be given for a long period. This, it is stated, will do much for the promotion of Japan's trade with India.

With the prospect of more vessels being released in the near future, it is felt that the time is opportune for agitating for through sailings to the Far East from England, for those sailing by the Suez route. As it stood before the war, passengers voyaging Far Eastwards had to change at Colombo. It is pointed out that Australia and India had their through steamers and there is no reason why all the regular Companies should not give the same facilities to the Far East.

In Java the Government is considering or is about to decide that 25 per cent. of sugar lands shall be taken away from the planters and given over to paddy cultivation, for they have a population of 35 millions and a growing number to consider. There is a world shortage of foodstuffs, which are very scarce and expensive. Most of the world is on rations and parts of it are starving. A wail comes from Malaya, which does not grow enough rice for her own consumption and normally imports some 13,000 tons.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

HONGKONG WELSHMEN CELEBRATE.

Local Welshmen celebrated St. David's Day on Saturday by holding a tea and concert at the Seamen's Institute, and the occasion was in every way a complete success. There was a large attendance, including many Service men, and the hall was very effectively decorated with flags and bunting. His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K. C.) and Lady Rees Davies were early arrivals, while H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and party were among those attending the concert. The evening's arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. C. Rodney (Hon. Secretary), Mr. W. T. Edwards (Hon. Treasurer), assisted by Mrs. Rodney, Mrs. Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen; and all are to be complimented on the success attained. The tea was all that could be desired, and at its close a number of toasts were honoured.

At the concert which followed, the Chairman (Sir William Rees Davies) delivered a brief speech, in which he spoke of the conspicuous service rendered by the Welsh Guards during the war, and spoke of the glories of Wales, the land of song, mentioning, of course, Mr. Lloyd George, who, he said, was a Pembrokehire man. He had rendered great service to the country in the great crisis and had been spoken of as the man who had won the war.

The programme was a most delightful one, and, of course, Welsh items were much in evidence. The selections by the band of H.M.S.—were especially enjoyable. Solos were rendered by Mrs. W. T. Edwards, Mrs. Lyle, Lieut. Lewis, R. N., Messrs. Pearce, George, W. B. Cawsey, and H. J. Jones; while the efforts of the Welsh Glee Party were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Lyle and Mr. Cawsey were associated in a splendid duet, and another vocal item which was much appreciated was the quartette by Messrs. Cawsey, Pearce, Jones and George. Instrumental numbers were supplied by Mr. Skating (violin) and Mr. Robinson (cello); and altogether a most admirable evening was spent.

VANITY FAIR.

SATURDAY'S SHOW.

There was quite a large audience at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the "Vanity Fair" Company put on a most delightful programme, full of variety and rich in merit. There were several "request" numbers in the bill of fare, these including some of the Company's most attractive items. "The Bells of St. Mary," for instance, was one of these, and so delightfully presented that the audience would not be content until its contributors had made a reappearance. Another most striking number, combining a picturesque setting with most harmonious part-singing, was "The Valley of the Moon," by Thelma Lawn and chorus. "Seaside interruptions" also was effectively done and provoked plenty of laughter. Miss Boyd, Miss Madge Griffith and Miss Dorothy May were each responsible for delightful solos, as also were Mr. Sydney Mantering and Mr. George Graystone, both of whom were in tip-top voice. Miss Vera Pain and Mr. Titchener did some smart dancing, too. Of course, Mr. Leslie Holmes figured prominently in song and joke, and once again he made a tremendous hit; he is too funny for words. The programme concluded with the fantasy, "A Day in Toyland," which was really splendidly done. Only a few nights remain of the Company's season here. Those who revel in humour and harmony should make a point of spending an evening with these merry-makers before they leave our shores.

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A POSTAL COMPLAINT.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

Sir,—The community of Yunnanfu and province have suffered and are suffering to a degree that is becoming more and more unbearable. The loss of articles—impossible to procure at this distance—loss of money, and the inconvenience caused by this outrage, are past the conception of folk supposed to be living in a civilised age, and among civilised people. I refer to the constant pilfering which occurs in the Parcel Post service between this province and Hongkong. Things have come to such a pass that one doesn't feel inclined to claim his parcel upon notice of its arrival here, feeling almost certain of the disappointment that awaits him upon opening it viz. that half or two-thirds of the best of the contents have been removed. I could quote instance after instance, proving the above, but that would take too long.

I see under Post Office notices, that the Director General of Peking "Advises that only parcels which are extra strongly packed, can be accepted for transmission to Yunnanfu." Naturally, one wonders what might be safely termed "extra strongly." Covers of wood boxes are carefully lifted, contents removed—nearly all of them—and cover neatly nailed down again. Cloth covers well sewed, are ripped open, and, in the absence of a tailor on the job, are left yawning. Even tin boxes have been jugged and pried open, with contents, if left at all, left to go their own way. Might one ask what is "extra strongly," and why is all this precaution necessary on so short a journey, and with no apparent result? If one of the many oppressed might suggest, we fear that something more than precaution packing is necessary to bring about an end to this scandalous practice!

But the situation becomes worse instead of better. No-one is exempt from the effects of the evil practices of the guilty party, or parties. Missionaries, doctors, merchants, foreign and Chinese, all bear more than their share of loss from this source. Only recently, parcels arrived here from England, having safely run the blockade of Hun submarines, and after apparently passing the Hongkong Post Office in good condition, reached here with nearly everything of value removed. These articles were each wrapped and sewed securely more than once to ensure their arrival in good condition, instead of which they did not arrive at all. Again, a wood box was opened, neatly nailed down again, and reached the owner here with two out of three made-to-order garments from a well-known Hongkong draper, valued at over \$60.00, having been removed, on the short journey from Hongkong to

MALINI THE MAGICIAN.

FIRST HONGKONG APPEARANCE.

On Saturday night, 8th March, at St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, Malini, the magician, will make his bow to a Hongkong audience. This much travelled artist has made an instantaneous success wherever he has appeared. He is acknowledged to be at the top of the tree in his section of public entertaining. Some of the feats credited to Malini seem to be impossible. With playing cards he has no difficulty in bewildering his onlookers, and the closer the scrutiny the more Malini appreciates it. Malini works without any assistants, and an almost entire absence of paraphernalia. He has a wonderful pair of hands, and with these alone he baffles his audience.

A Java paper writes of one of Malini's performances:—"The great Jansen was present at the performance, and decided not to play after Malini—which is certainly the greatest compliment one performer can pay another." It is stated that the one great feature of Malini's entertainment is the absence of cumbersome appliances, his sole "props" being his wonderfully dexterous hands. As a card manipulator he is claimed to be a master hand, and he entertains his audience for two hours using mostly only cards, and sustaining the greatest interest throughout. His work is said to be full of surprises.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph says:—"As a showman, Malini, the 'Napoleon of magic,' is refreshingly quaint; as a magician he is decidedly baffling. His tricks are original and his humour is pleasing. Malini, unlike the usual mystifier, has no assistants and no stage paraphernalia."

The season will be for five nights only, and the plan for the season will open at Moutrie's on Wednesday, 5th March. Yunnanfu! The writer, two days ago, received a parcel from Hongkong which had been very well wrapped and sewed in cloth, but appeared with one end having been ripped open, inside wrappings badly torn, and instead of being \$45.00 worth of articles, we found about \$15.00 worth, and the parcel half empty. Is one to patiently go on accepting this state of things? One learns from authority that the parcels are always tampered with before reaching the Chinese frontier: hence it seems that it should not be an impossibility to trace the theft to its source, and stop it. Hoping that the publication of only a few of the many instances which constantly occur, will tend toward the speedy amelioration of this despicable, mean practice.

Yours etc.

ONE OF THE MANY SUFFERERS.
Yunnan, Feb. 21, 1919.

LAUNCH FIRED ON IN HARBOUR.

MAXIM GUN USED.

There was an exciting chase in the harbour on Friday evening at 5 p.m., between two launches, the one the Yau Fat and the other No. 1 Police launch.

On the evening in question, the No. 1 Police launch was on patrol between Patung Island and Ahchow. The Yau Fat was seen approaching, but no sooner did she see that it was the police launch than she altered her course and steered in the direction of Tailing. The Police launch steamed up and enquired of the other where she was from. The crew replied that they were from Tai-O. The sea was choppy and the Yau Fat was allowed to proceed on her course unhindered.

After she had gone a little distance, the Police detected something floating on the waters, and picked it up. It was picked up before it was wet, and on being opened, the parcel was found to contain opium. It was attached to a sinker, in concealed tins. The Yau Fat, in trying to sink it, put too much rope, and consequently the stuff came up on top instead of sinking to the bottom. When it was picked up, the bundle was mistaken for a sugar parcel. At any rate, the Police launch chased the Yau Fat, and when the latter refused to stop, twenty shots were fired from a Maxim gun on the bows. The Yau Fat turned round to go back. This was off Tailing near Chung-chow, or Dumbell Island.

The crew of the Yau Fat were arranged on trial this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood. There were no passengers on board this launch.

Inspector Gordon prosecuted and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

Mr. Lo said he was not fully instructed as yet. It seemed to him, from the opening of Inspector Gordon, that there was nothing against his clients. The opium was picked up in the sea.

Mr. Wood:—That may be. Mr. Lo—As I say, I was not fully instructed as to the facts. My clients deny all knowledge of the opium. They deny knowing anything about the opium. I do not know the attendant circumstances. I understand that the master of the launch is not before your Worship. The coxswain and the assistant coxswain have been arrested. I understand that the launch is detained by the Police. I have already applied for the release of the launch. I do not understand what the launch has got to do with the proceedings.

Mr. Wood (to Inspector Gordon):—Are you going to bring a charge against the owner?

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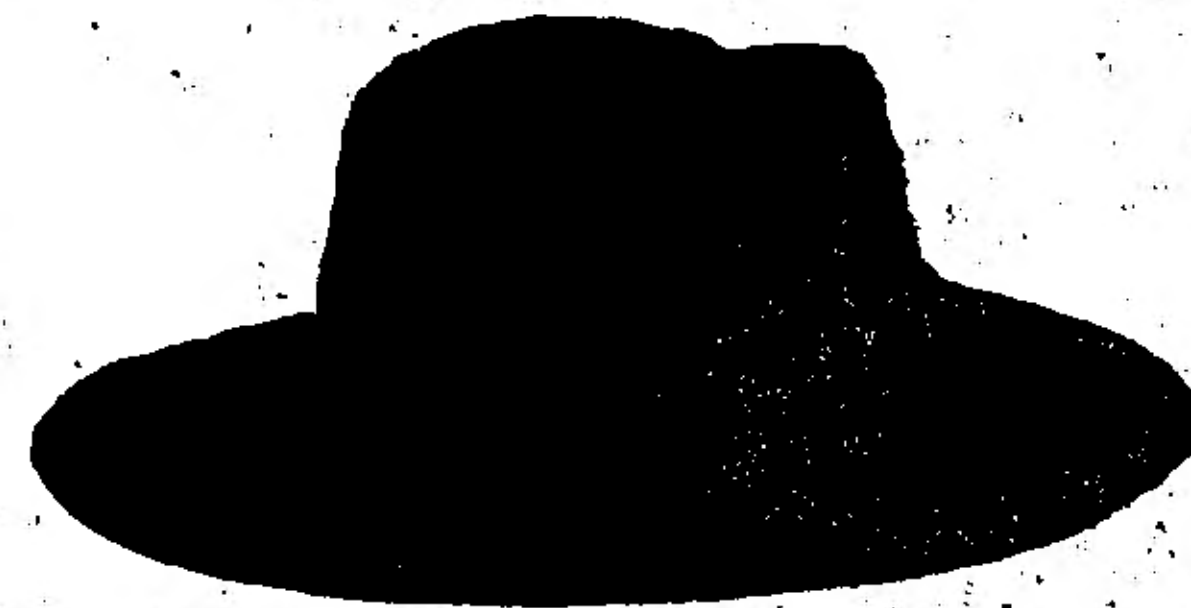
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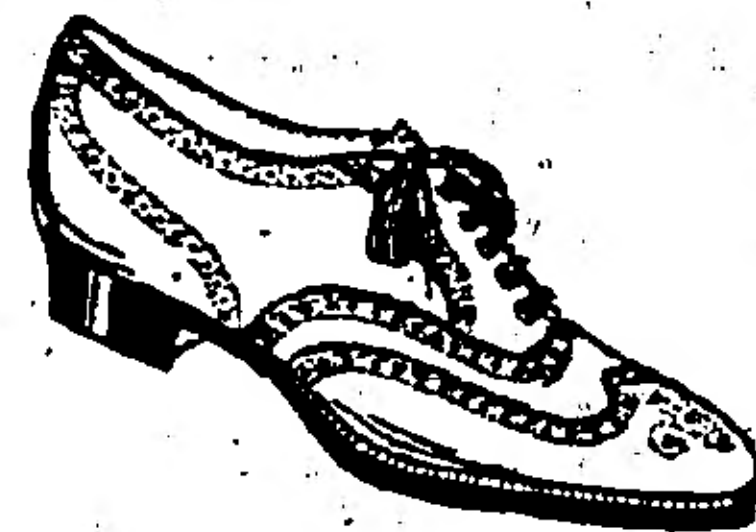
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The Commissioner of Customs of Tientsin has issued the following statement for the information of shipping:—Ice breaking operations commenced at daylight on February 12 and have been successfully prosecuted seaward some 10 miles beyond the Outer Anchorage. Navigation as far as Tangu is now practicable, and if the weather conditions remain favourable, is not likely to suffer further interruption this season. Two ice-breakers are at present functioning between Tangu and Tientsin, and hopes are entertained that the river will be clear of ice in about four days time.

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The Tancerville, an iron steamer built at Stockton-on-Tees in 1889, has been sold to Manila buyers for \$23,000. This vessel was originally in the oil trade, carrying petroleum in bulk. Whilst undergoing repairs some time ago in Singapore there was an explosion on board, and the ship's side was severely damaged. The late Mr. Gaggino, in Singapore, bought her as a hulk, and resold her at a profit to the Siam Navy, by whom for some years she has been used as a coal-hulk for the Siam fleet. For a long time she was at Kohsi-chang. The Navy disposed of the hulk in May of last year to Mr. T. L. Jackson for \$11,000. She was towed up to Bangkok and docked, and contracts entered into with the Dock Company for putting her ready for sea. These contracts amounting to over half a million ticals. The purchaser started negotiations for re-selling the vessel, and received offers to purchase from Shanghai, Manila, Japan, Hongkong, and San Francisco. Japanese purchasers took an option on the vessel with the proviso that if the owners could get a higher price before their option expired they were at liberty to sell. After a good deal of negotiation the vessel was finally sold to Manila for the sum above mentioned. It is understood she will be used in the coconut oil trade. The new owners, in addition to paying the purchase money, take over all contracts running for the repairs and fitting of the vessel. The same purchasers have also taken over the sailing vessel J. W. Wendt, recently made ready for sea, after many years' sojourn at Kohsi-chang as a coal hulk. She was chartered for her first voyage to San Francisco by Mr. T. L. Jackson.

A SKIPPER'S DEATH.

Shipping and Engineering regrets to report the death, at his residence, on February 12, of Captain E. O. Lindstrom, commodore captain of the China Merchants' S. N. Co. A native of Sweden, he came to Shanghai in 1844 and joined the firm of Russell & Co. which was subsequently bought out by the China Merchants, spending the whole of his time on the Yangtze trade. At the time of his retirement at the age of 72, two years ago, he was in command of the Company's s.s. Kiangwah, the newest and finest river steamer, but his failing health compelled him to stay back on several occasions and he finally retired from the sea to spend the remaining two years of his life in his home.

From the beginning to the end of the war, that is to say, from the month of August 1914 to the month of October 1918, the rate of increase of Japanese steamers with a tonnage of over 1,000 was as follows:—

No. Tons.

New steamers built in Japan 272 951,255

Bought from abroad 36 116,866

Converted from other Nationalities 3 6,865

Total 311 1,074,986

Against this must be written off the following:—

No. Tons.

Lost by enemy action 31 128,417

Wrecked 47 126,607

Sold abroad 73 356,525

Transferred to other flags 5 11,679

Total 155 623,228

Therefore the increase of steamers during the above-mentioned period is 156 with a tonnage of 451,758 tons.

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SHANGHAI	Tean	4th Mar. at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Kailong	6th Mar. at 10 a.m.
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Maikong	A. H. Stewart	TUES., 11th Mar. at 1 p.m.

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For	Steamship	On
STRAITS & Calcutta	Yalshing	Thur., 6th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Yalsang	Fri., 7th Mar. at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Fri., 7th Mar. at 8 a.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 7th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MANDAKAN	Mausang	Sat., 8th Mar. at noon
MANILA	Tuensang	Fri., 14th Mar. at 3 p.m.

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PERIA MARU	1st April.
SEIA MARU	2nd Apr. from Yokohama.
NIPPON MARU	23rd Apr. from Yokohama.
TENTO MARU	3rd May.
SIBERIA MARU	2nd May from Yokohama.

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MARSEILLES—Monthly direct service via Singapore & Port Said.
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"HIMALAYA MARU" End of March.

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"LUZON MARU" Middle of March.

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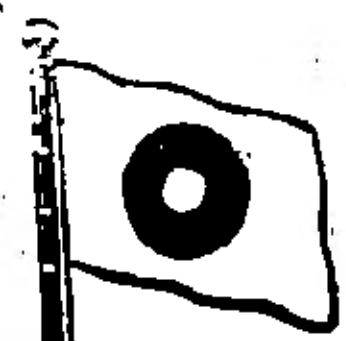
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St. Ails and Calcutta	Yatshing	J. M. Co.	5. Mar.
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	6. Mar.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	6. Mar.
Manila	Loungsang	J. M. Co.	7. Mar.
Haiphong	Laksine	J. M. Co.	7. Mar.
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Shanghai	Saisang	J. M. Co.	7. Mar.
Batavia via Ports	Nubari M.	N. Y. K.	7. Mar.
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Shanghai	Yingchow	B. & S.	8. Mar.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nellore	P. & O.	11. Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Yoochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	11. Mar.
Calcutta via Ports	Akita M.	N. Y. K.	12. Mar.
Manila	Yuenang	J. M. Co.	12. Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Shidzuka M.	N. Y. K.	14. Mar.
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Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 5th March, 1919, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged goods will be landed into Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 6th March 1919, at 10 A.M.

No Claim will be recognised if filed after the 10th March 1919.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1919.

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THE Motor Ship

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be counter-signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on March 5th, 1919, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after March 5th, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature immediately.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.,
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Hongkong, February 27th, 1919.

Consignees per Co.'s Steamer

"AGAPENOR"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 27th February.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 19th March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1919.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by 5th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th instant, at 10 a.m.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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The P. & O. s.s. NELLORE is expected

to leave Singapore about 7th March at

daylight, for Hongkong.

The R.M.S. s.s. MONTEAGLE left

Moji for Hongkong on the 1st March,

and is due at Hongkong on the 5th inst.

TIDE TABLE.

From 3rd Mar. to 9th Mar.

Time	High Water	Low Water	Time	High Water	Low Water
1st Mar.	10.15	4.15	8th Mar.	10.15	4.15
2nd Mar.	10.15	4.15	9th Mar.	10.15	4.15
3rd Mar.	10.15	4.15			
4th Mar.	10.15	4.15			
5th Mar.	10.15	4.15			
6th Mar.	10.15	4.15			
7th Mar.	10.15	4.15			

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The Great Northern Telegraph

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The following Unclaimed Tele-

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Kawaguchi, Captain Mikuni,

from Kagoshima.

Yantai, from Shanghai.

Gain, Hongkong Hotel, from

Shanghai.

Soo Ching Sawkwan, 512,

Shibbings, from Shanghai.

Tongcheong, from Tokyo.

Termyok, Bowah Co. Queens

Road, from Shanghai.

Kiesung, from Shanghai.

Moloni, Passenger, S.S. Sun-

ning, from Amoy.

Stavroff, Elming, from Kobe.

Sanderson, British Consulate,

from Shanghai.

Passer, Hongkong Hotel, from

Yokohama.

T. KING,

Act. Superintendent,

Hongkong, February 28, 1919.

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LAUNCH FIRED ON IN
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(Continued from Page 5.)

Inspector Gordon:—It will depend on the present charge. The owner is liable to a fine of \$5,000. Any way, I will proceed against him by summons instead of a warrant. I do not think he should get the launch. She may proceed outside of the Colony; she may be in Canton. She can be forfeited by the Crown. She is a fair sized launch—30 tons gross.

Mr. Wood:—It will depend whether the boat is liable to forfeiture or not. It depends on the tonnage. If she is built to a certain tonnage, she is liable to forfeiture.

Inspector Gordon:—In the meantime we will keep the launch.

Mr. Wood:—What is the value of the opium?

Inspector Gordon:—The value of the opium is \$3,360.

Mr. Wood:—The position is that two of them are coxswains. Can you place the responsibility on anyone?

Inspector Gordon:—I cannot place any responsibility on anyone.

Mr. Lo applied for a remand and Mr. Wood fixed Thursday afternoon.

On the question of bail there was an interesting argument.

Mr. Wood:—Suppose I fix the bail at \$250 each and \$50 for the fifth and twelfth defendants.

Inspector Gordon:—If they get out they will be away. You will never see them again. I will have no case against them. Two hundred and fifty dollars is absolutely nothing to the syndicate that I am working against. For Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 I ask for substantial bail.

Mr. Lo:—Assuming that there is a syndicate. It is a serious matter to make against persons when there is no evidence.

Mr. Wood (to Inspector Gordon):—What do you say to \$2,000—Yes, if you please.

No. 1 defendant (coxswain) was remanded in bail of \$10,000, No. 2 defendant (assistant coxswain) \$5,000, Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 \$1,500 each, Nos. 7, 8, and 10 \$250 each, Nos. 9, 11, \$200, and No. 12 \$50.

POST OFFICE.

The mail dispatched from London to Hongkong via New York on 30th December last was received to-day in badly damaged condition. It was accompanied by the following report from the Seattle Post Office:

Tail mail was damaged by fire and water in Great Northern train 27 near Monroe, Wash., on Jan. 7th, 1919.

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, new papers etc. for their use handed in at the G.P.O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

A fee of 2d. in respect of the performance of Customs Formalities is now charged on every parcel from abroad for delivery in the United Kingdom on which British Customs Charges are payable. The fee is collected from the addressee except in the case of duty-paid parcels when the amount may be prepaid by the sender.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 11 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

INWARD MAILS.

Canada—Per MONTAGUE, 5th March.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Amoy, Straits and Bangkok—Per FOLLOWER, 4th March, 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per HUPPEH, 4th March, 9 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Dharwad, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez—Per BURMA, 4th March, Reg. 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

Hankow—Per KWEILIN, 4th March, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 4th March, 5 p.m.

Bangkok, Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TUKINI, 4th March, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5th March.

Shanghai and N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honk'g, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and Europe via San Francisco—Per SHINYO, 5th March, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Canada, United States, Central & South America and Europe via San Francisco—Per SHINYO, 5th March, Reg. 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 6th March.

Hankow, Amoy, and Hongkong—Per KALPOK, 6th March, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 6th March, 5 p.m.

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FRIDAY, 7th March.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou—Per HAI-HONG, 7th March, 1 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per LOON JBANO, 7th March, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 8th March.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Dharwad, Egypt and Europe via Suez—Per KATAYO, 8th March, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per YINGCOW, 8th March, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9th March.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou via Keelung—Per KALJO MARU, 9th March, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 11th March.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per LIANGCOW, 11th March, 9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SHINYO, 11th March, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou—Per HAI-TAK, 11th March, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, 13th March.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honk'g, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and Europe via San Francisco—Per EMERSON, 13th March, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

8 DAYS WITH BROKEN NECK.

At a Lambeth inquest recently on Samuel George Taylor, 48, a plumber, of Edinburgh-road, Ashford, Kent, who died in St. George's Hospital from the effects of a broken neck, sustained through falling down a stokeyhole, Dr. Yates said the hospital surgeons were unable to explain why the man did not die two minutes after the accident. He lingered eight days. The case constituted a record. A verdict of "Death from accidental causes" was recorded.

FIRST MERCHANTMAN TO GERMANY.

With the distinction of being the first Allied merchantman to enter a German port since the armistice, the Celebes Maru of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is scheduled to leave from Kobe for Germany. At a recent conference of the shipping delegates of the Allied Peace Conference at Versailles it was arranged that the Celebes Maru be the first boat permitted to enter a German port in connection with the transportation of the Allied prisoners. However, if peace is not satisfactorily concluded by the time of the arrival of the vessel in Germany, she will omit her call in Germany.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 3d. TH. 15m.—No return from Japan, Vladivostok and Weihaiwei. Pressure has increased slightly to moderately at all reporting stations, an anticyclone of moderate intensity having developed over N. China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 2.13 inches against an average of 3.19 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Direction	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap East	N.E. wind, fresh to fair.
1 Formosa Channel	N. wind, fresh to strong.
1 South coast of China between H.K. and Amoy	The same as No. 1.
1 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register, Mar. 4, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Force	Weather
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Footnote: In the above table, "a" means above, "b" below, "c" clear, "d" drizzle, "e" fog, "f" fair, "g" gloom, "h" hail, "i" lightning, "j" overcast, "k" passing showers, "l" squally, "m" rain, "n" snow, "o" thunder, "p" visibility, "q" dew wet.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 4, 1919.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of atmosphere with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

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Barometer 30.15 30.06 31.05

Temperature 71 63 68

Humidity 85 91 71

Wind Direction E. E. E.

Force 3 4 3

Weather 0 0 0

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

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